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No. 139.

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Wednesday Morning, May 12, 1869.

THE news in our yesterday's issue, although taking no one by surprise, comes to us like a long expected inheritance, and truly it is the most important that has fallen to our lot since the commencement of our Colonial existence, as the Pacific Railway connects us with the outer world from which we have hitherto been cut off. A great deal has been said and written on the subject of our first rush of immigration in 1858; how, from some cause never clearly defined by the speakers or writers, but always having something to do with Government, those invaluable people left us, and we have been retrograding ever since! As well might we bemoan the retreating wave that has heralded the approaching tide, and then returned to its native element to help in a future "rush." The idea is worthy the minds in which it originated, and should be held at its proper value. Such a human flood passes over a country like a hail storm: its only value is in clearing the air and preparing the ground for the refreshing showers and beneficent sunshine that succeed. In lieu of bewailing the departure of these evils we have every reason to congratulate ourselves that we are nearly rid of them, and that the true fertilizing element in the shape of industrious settlers are gradually taking their place. Instead of our having any reason for regret, we ought rather to be proud of our steady advance towards a fixed population. We sincerely trust that the time is fast approaching when the remnants of that class who think rowdiness and imbecile extravagance the great criteria by which to judge of a country's prosperity, will have entirely disappeared from our shores. We have no desire to retain such people; our country, which combines everything requisite to make industrious men happy and prosperous, will speak for itself to right-thinking people, and we shall get all the population we desire from the class that forms great nations. We are on the eve of a great influx of population—let us be cool; it is not necessary to go into hysterics about it; they will probably be somewhat after the style of their predecessors—like a child's first teeth, very well in their way, but care should be taken to get rid of them when the true molars appear. If we dive after this shadow of a population, we are very apt to allow the substance to escape us by our becoming too suddenly inflated. All kinds of property rises to an artificial value with the arrival of a few hundreds of the genus homo, and the collapses that supervene are too frequently the cause of ruining our most valued citizens—the usual victims, as possessing a little more principle and credulity than those who profit by their misfortunes. We have—many of us—heard the bitter denunciation of the holders of landed estate about this city; how in years gone by, honest, industrious, would-be settlers attempted to buy land and made offers at prices for it that would be eagerly taken now, and which were refused, compelling these model settlers to leave us. There can be, however, very little doubt that the price of real estate will advance from this time forward, and lands that are now thought of little value will make fine fortunes for the lucky holders a few years hence. Some remarkable difference in character is no doubt distinguishable between the people of this Colony and our neighbors over the Sound. If a man seeks employment here he is generally regulated with a dismal account of the present state of trade, and is then allowed to go whether he pleases, perhaps to take the first steamer to the other side. If he asks a resident at the other side for employment, he is questioned as to what he can do, and examined as a packer would a cayush, but he is turned to account—all the poor fellow wants for the time, till he has earned enough to enable him to seek more profitable employment. We do not advocate the treatment of a man, as people were formerly used to regard slaves, (the only difference being that the man now can be bought for little more than his food, whereas, the slave involved the investment of occasionally a large sum of money), but we do insist that our people should exhibit a little more solicitude for a man that is ready to work, and give him all the assistance in their power, in order to retain him in the Colony; and not bewail his departure when he goes, and then growl when those who remain exact exorbitantly high wages for their work. The remuneration paid for labor in this Colony is higher on the average,

than in any other portion of the American continent, but people like to "go with the crowd" and they are informed by persons here that the crowd is in California, on the Sound, or anywhere but with us. There must be an end to this kind of thing, people are beginning to see the mischief it is doing, and understand that it must be discontinued; let those persons who seem to pride themselves on urging our working people to leave us, be pointed out and held up to the public condemnation they merit; if those who are foolish enough to believe these perverters of the truth, would only remember that they according to their own showing are staying in this country very much to their own loss, and are evidently doing well in it, and not required to stop a single day for that matter, the whole state of the case would at once become clear. Their depreciatory language is a habit with them, and being comfortable and making a nice easy living, they don't want competitors.

Interesting Letter from Canada.

From an occasional Correspondent.

HAMILTON, ONT., Mar. 15, 1869.

Since my last letter we have had snow, now continually. It is now lying on the ground to the depth of 1½ feet, and those who delight in fast horses and swell cutters are in their glory. Sleighing parties are evidently quite the thing now and any evening in the week may be seen vehicles of every kind on runners, drawn by from one to four horses and laden with the beauty and fashion of this 'ambitious city,' dashing off to enjoy a good supper and jolly dance at some hospitable country place. The Skating Rinks are also in full swing, and the proprietors thereof rejoicing accordingly. The Curlers, too, are having a glorious time of it. Almost every day there is a match of some kind going on. This city boasts of two clubs, the 'Hamilton' and the 'Ontario and Burlington.' The former has been most successful this year, having played some ten or twelve matches, in every one of which it has been victorious. An old resident of your colony (Mr. George Hamilton) is one of this club.

Business of every kind continues very dull here and indeed all through Canada, if we may judge by the papers. A prominent dealer in hats and furs told me the other day that he had not sold five cents worth in three days. In all other businesses it is the same, except perhaps, in whisky, the curse of Canada, as it is called. The velocipede excitement has at length reached us. One of these vehicles, I suppose we may call them, has been constructed by Cooper & Co., and an exhibition was given on Saturday last in the Drill Shed. People seem to have been well pleased with it and the result is, it is said, orders for over one hundred have been received by the enterprising manufacturers. They are to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40 each, a very low figure it seems, as they are selling for \$165 greenbacks in Boston.

Political news is scarce. We hear of nothing now-a-days but the International Railway. Several sections have been let to contractors, and work will be commenced on the opening of spring. Mr. John A. Cameron, who resided on William Creek in 1863, put in tenders for some of the sections, but did not succeed in obtaining any.

Mr. Thomas Meldrum, of William Lake, British Columbia, is in Canada engaged in selecting a run of stones and suitable machinery for a grist mill, which he intends erecting somewhere in the neighborhood of his farm.

The people of this country are beginning to see the necessity of fostering the manufacturing interests. A short time ago the Town Council of the Town of Dundas, distant from here about five miles, passed a by-law exempting manufacturers from taxation. The matter was brought before our City Council the other evening, when they determined upon adopting a like measure and a committee was appointed to receive and report upon petitions praying for remission of taxes. This is no small consideration as the city takes 1½ per centum upon real estate, personal property and income, besides the water rate, tax for watering streets dog tax, &c., so you see we do not live in quite that delightful state of simplicity and immunity from taxes that enterprising immigration agents would have people believe.

J. R. D.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The last rail has been laid on the Chicago and Rock Island Pacific Railroad, between Des Moines and Council Bluffs, giving Chicago two direct and distinct connections with the Union Pacific Railroad at Omaha.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Several passengers arrived this morning, eight days from San Francisco. They say much work must be done on the road to put it in good order. Twenty sleeping cars for the Pacific Railroad are nearly finished in New York and Philadelphia and start westward next week. The Cuban sympathizers hint that two vessels with arms and men have just left Boston and that another sailed yesterday from a Southern port.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The steamer Henry

Chauncey brings the following news from Panama: Small-pox was making fearful ravages though thought to be diminishing. It attacked the negroes and whites inside and outside of the walls of Panama. Two heavy shocks of earthquake were felt at Quito on the 10th; shocks were also felt at San Salvador on the 10th, 11th and 12th. No damage was done.

NEW YORK, May 10.—A Tribune's special says 15 gunboats have been contracted for at Mystic Bridge, Conn., to be ready in nine days. It is understood they are to be built on Spanish account, and that their construction is approved by the Washington authorities.

WARREN and Costello, the Fenians, arrived on Sunday and were met at the wharf by a large crowd of sympathisers. They will have a public reception on Wednesday or Thursday.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Dispatches say Spanish vessels are in the habit of searching American merchantmen in neutral waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The Washington department directs Admiral Hoff to keep a vigilant watch hereafter of such infractions of international law.

It is stated that Capt. Gen Dulce has renewed the attempt to bribe leading patriots into leaving the island.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The Tribune's special says that Secretary Boutwell does not say what he intends to do with the Government bonds. He is going to buy, but it seems to be assumed that he intends to establish a sinking fund.

The tone of Cuban advices is very helpful for the patriots. All refer to the pending movements which promise favorable results. The receipts from the whisky tax are double those realized under the \$2 tax; and more income returns were made this year than ever before.

The English government will make reclamation upon Spain for the outrages on the brig Mary Lowell—the brig being virtually under the protection of a British frigate.

CINCINNATI, May 10.—A large number of officers have signified their intention to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city, on Wednesday. General Logan will deliver the address at the reception on Wednesday and also on Friday evening. A steamboat excursion will be made to North Bend to the tomb of Gen. Harrison.

Europe.

LONDON, May 6.—In the debate in the House of Commons, on Sir George Jenkinson's motion to strike out the clause providing for the compensation for Maynooth College from Church fund, Gladstone protested against the inconsistent conduct of members who voted for the grant to the Presbyterians and opposing compensation for the Catholics, consenting to make use of religious prejudice among members to defeat the government which was dealing equal justice to all. Discussion ensued on advisability of drawing compensation for Maynooth College, from consolidated church fund.

Bright opposed placing additional burden on taxpayers. Disraeli supported the grant but urged it be paid from the consolidated funds of government. The majority against Jenkinson, 126.

A. G. Toun, Liberal member, moved amendment that compensation for Maynooth College should be taken from the annuities instead of from the capital sum. After a long discussion the House again divided for the amendment 198, against 305. Other amendments were proposed and withdrawn, and clauses regarding Maynooth College as originally introduced by Gladstone were adopted.

LONDON, May 7.—At Chester races for the steward's plate, Knight of the Garter beat Breakwater.

The House of Commons finished the consideration of the Irish Church bill in Committee.

In the House of Lords to-night, the Marquis of Salisbury wanted to know if her Majesty's Government intended a policy advocated by Bright, to the effect that the people must be placed in possession of the land in Ireland in great numbers. He said the present uncertainty as to the position of Government on the question was injurious. Earl Granville in reply said he must decline to open the question. A bill on the subject would be introduced at the next session of Parliament. He assured the House that the Government would maintain the rights of property.

LONDON, May 8.—The stock market within a few days has been influenced by the increase of the rate of interest by the Bank of England to 4½ per cent, and there is a current belief that further advance will be made shortly owing to political uncertainty.

Cuba.

HAVANA, May 8.—The American prisoners, taken from the Lizzie Major and sent to the Carribean, were released. The Spanish authorities at that place offered no courtesies or facilities to the Penobscot, as is customary on the arrival of a foreign vessel.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—Arrived, ship Aureola 8 days from Port Discovery; bark Powhatan, Blackstone, 11 days from Bellingham Bay.

New York gold quotations, 137½.

New Advertisements.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY. GENTLEMEN DESIROUS OF TAKING part in the annual celebration of HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY are requested to meet at the BEE HIVE to-night at 8 o'clock (Wednesday) for the purpose of organizing committees, &c.

New Advertisements.

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, May 12, 1869.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED
May 11—Stmr E. Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend
Star Wilson & Hunt, Wait, Port Townsend
CLEARED.
May 11—None

DIED.

In this city, on the 11th inst., at his residence, James
Ray, Victoria, John Chapman Davis, son of this city,
aged 28 years, a native of Lyme Regis, Dorset,
England, and member of the Legislative Council of
British Columbia.

The Return of the Sparrowhawk from the West Coast with Seven Indian Prisoners.

THE WRECK OF THE JOHN BRIGHT.

H. M. S. Sparrowhawk, Capt. Mist,
arrived from the wreck of the ill-starred bark John Bright at
half-past 5 o'clock last evening, bringing
as passengers, Hon. H. M. Ball,
Hon. Attorney General, Capt. Christensen,
Messrs Molloy and Davey and
seven male Indian prisoners suspected
of complicity in the murder of the
John Bright's crew. The Sparrowhawk,
on leaving Esquimalt, proceeded to
Barclay Sound in search of an inter-
preter, but being unsuccessful, went on
to Clayoquot Sound, where Capt.
Christensen procured an Indian—the
one, in fact, who buried the last body.

The ship then went on to Hesquiat
Harbor, where, as it was blowing
pretty fresh, it was thought prudent
to go up to the head. On
Wednesday morning the ship dropped
down and anchored off the village ad-
jacent to the scene of the wreck,
when a number of canoes came along-
side, out of which several Indians
were taken who were pointed out by
Capt. Christensen as being like those
concerned in the murder, or who might
be rendered useful in the subsequent
enquiries as witnesses. A large armed
part, was now formed, composed of
marines of the Sparrowhawk and
Sattelite, accompanied by Hon Ball
and the Attorney General, with several
officers, who landed and had an inter-
view with the chiefs and then proceeded
to search the ranches. Nothing very
suspicious was discovered however, and
the whole party then marched round
the scene of the wreck. The beach
was of the roughest and most disagre-
able description to travel over, and of
such a wild and dangerous character
towards the sea, that it seemed wholly
impossible that anyone could escape
from a wrecked ship by boat or
otherwise. The whole of Wednes-
day and Thursday were employed in
exhuming and examining the bodies
(eleven in all) under the direction of
the surgeon of the Sparrowhawk.

No striking facts could be gathered
from the remains, which were very
much decomposed, so that the work of
investigation was not only a sad but a
very disagreeable one. On Friday, the
jury having been duly empaneled, the
inquest commenced with the body of a
large man (the only one which retained
any quantity of flesh) and the wo-
man. One of the prisoners, being duly
impressed with the enormity of the
crime of murder, stated that these two
were murdered, and on further exam-
ination described their coming ashore
alive and going to a ranch for one day
and then being killed on the second.

The jury returned a verdict of wilful
murder. On the return of the party
on board the Sparrowhawk the chief was
requested to come off and send for the
man that was accused. We heard quite
a number of stories relating to the sad
affair, all more or less possessing features
of similarity. Several Indians were
brought off before the chiefs were allowed
to land, suspected characters or witnesses,
(a difficult matter to say which). The
Sparrowhawk then prepared to return,
starting from the mouth of Hesqui-
nat Harbor Monday night. No trace of
the children or the woman servant could
be found, nor could the most diligent
enquiries elicit any information regarding
them. It is however believed that some
further information may be obtained from
the Indians now in custody, which may
admit of a more successful pursuit being
organized.

REGATTA COMMITTEE.—A meeting will be
held this evening at the Bee Hive Hotel,
corner Fort and Broad streets, of the gen-
tlemen interested in the aquatic sports for the
celebration of the 24th. As this is one of
the most popular of the amusements to come
off on the Queen's Birthday, we hope there
will be a large attendance.

TAKE AYER'S SARSAPARILLA to purify
the blood and purge out the humors, pimples
boils and sores which are merely emblems of
the rottenness within.

FELL'S COFFEE has become the favorite
Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every
breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of
the Rocky Mountains.

The International Base Ball Game.

We stated yesterday that the Ranier Base
Ball Club had accepted the challenge of the
Olympia Base Ball Club for a match to come
off on the 25th inst., at Beacon Hill. The
following correspondence on the subject
passed between the Secretaries of the Club.

VICTORIA, May 4, 1869.

Mr. R. G. Hayes
Sec. Ranier B. B. Club,
Olympia, W. T.

Sir—I am desired on behalf of the Olym-
pic Nine of this city, to extend through you
an invitation to the Ranier Nine of Olympia
to play a national game of Base Ball on
Beacon Hill, 24th May, with the intention
of playing the return match at your city,
July 4th, at your option.

I am respectfully yours,
W. G. JAMIESON,
Sec. O. B. B. Club.

[REPLY]
Olympia, W. T., May 8, 1869

Mr. W. G. Jamieson,
Sec. Olympic B. B. Club,
Victoria, V. I.

Sir—I am requested as Secretary of the
Ranier Base Ball Club, of Olympia to ac-
cept the challenge of the Olympics of Vic-
toria, to play a national game of Base Ball
at Victoria on the 25th May, 1869. Please
state the hour at which the game will begin.

I remain, very respectfully yours,
R. G. HAYS,
Sec. B. B. Club.

The Raniers are a crack club, and have
won several well-contested matches on their
own ground. The Olympics will have to
keep their eyes about them when they go
into the field with such opponents.

THE SHIPPING MASTER PETITION.—We are
informed that strenuous efforts are being
made to create the office of Shipping Master
for this Port, and to induce into it, a possibly
worthy man, but one wholly ignorant of the
duties, and who, did he know them, could in
no way benefit the community one centavo.
Our citizens, after growling so long and so
loudly about our burthensome taxation, are
not surely going to make another sincere in
order to add to our already disproportionate
expenditure. We doubt whether his Excel-
lency has the power of making such ap-
pointments. They are usually (in England)
left in the hands of the Board of Trade.
But if his Excellency possesses the power,
we doubt the propriety of adding \$2,000 to
the expenses of government to create an
office the functions of which can only be en-
forced in the case of British ships. Crimps
are a fearful nuisance, it is true; but are
there not persons of respectability and ex-
perience engaged here in the business of sup-
plying ships with crews, who would scorn
to resort to dishonorable means to complete
a complement, and whose business would be
ruined by the appointment of a Government
officer? If it be the intention of his Excel-
lency to create the office, we would suggest
that the claims of such persons should not
be overlooked when making the appointment.

THE CUSTOMS DUTY levied upon imported
wheat is acting with ruinous effect upon
lower country millers. We learn with deep
regret that the New Westminster grist mill
will suspend operations shortly if relief in
this respect be not speedily obtained. An-
other party who contemplated investing
\$20,000 in the erection of a flourmill in this
city, suffers his money to lie idle in the bank
for the same reason; and Hunter finds the
business unprofitable, while Cowichan, one
of the finest farming districts on the Island,
imports nearly all the flour it consumes,
paying a duty of \$1.50 per bbl. Were the
duty on wheat lowered to a merely nominal
figure, colonial millers might contrive to
realize a profit on their manufacture, even
were the duty on foreign flour reduced to
75 cents or \$1 per barrel. As the case
stands now, the colonial miller is prevented
from making a living, and the poor man pays
\$1.50 more per barrel for his flour than he
ought to.

The fire in the Bellingham Bay coal mines
appears to be extending. The barkentine
Victor, from San Francisco, was unable to
get a cargo of coal the other day; and a
similar disappointment awaits the ship
Amethyst and several other vessels now on
the way up from San Francisco for cargoes.
The fires that have from time to time occurred
in this mine arose from spontaneous combus-
tion. About two years ago all work was dis-
continued and the water from the bay turned
into the shafts, which had the effect of
drowning the flames; but, then, it took several
steam engines of large capacity nine
months to pump the water out again. So,
between the two elements, it is difficult to
determine which is to be preferred.

VISITORS.—Among the American gen-
tlemen in town we notice Governor Flanders,
Chief Justice Denison, of Washington
Territory, and Capt. Lawson, of the U. S.
Survey Department. Governor Flanders
left the city of Boston on the 14th of April—
28 days ago—reached Sacramento ten days
thereafter, and Astoria, Oregon, (by steamer
from San Francisco) in four days—making
the trip in fourteen days. His Excellency
reports the overland railroad in good condi-
tion, the train in which he took passage
being detained only four hours by a snow-
drift. The visitors are the guests of U. S.
Consul Francis.

MUSHROOM SPAWN.—We learn from Messrs
Mitchell & Johnson that the mushroom
growing public will soon have the means of
gratifying their love for that nutritious vege-
table, as they have a considerable quan-
tity of the spawn on its way from England.

CHEAP SHAVING.—Having recovered his
health, Fred Payne's shop is again open to
the public. Prices as before.

Queen's Birthday.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—Feeling
alive to the necessity of celebrating the
Queen's birthday in a proper and spirited
manner on the 24th inst., as has hitherto
been done, I beg to say that I think the
people are just now rather apathetic.
Perhaps it only arises from the want of
some one taking the lead. I know of no
one more competent than the Mayor. If
he would organize a committee of gen-
tlemen to take the matter up, the public
will respond liberally to the call. As far
as regards the party who is authorized
to collect subscriptions for the horse race,
and the parties who may have appointed
that gentleman to the position, it would
be well for the public to know something
of them before subscribing their money.
You will oblige a subscriber by presenting
the whole matter in your usual spirited
manner and I have no doubt of the result.
BLINK BONNY.

Australia.

EXTRAORDINARY HEAT.

The Australian papers announce the
occurrence of scorching weather in some
parts of the colony. At Wagga Wagga
at the close of December, flowers and
shrubs were literally roasted, and fruit
trees (in some instances) burnt up; plums
approaching ripeness fermented under the
powerful heat, and hung on the branches
like bags of native-grown vinegar. The
heads of many trees presented the appear-
ance of having been subjected to the ac-
tion of the stream of flame. Yet in the
Tumut district, there was actually ice in
the washing basins of a morning. Wild
horses were being destroyed in large
numbers on the "Levels country," near
Wagga Wagga, where the poor brutes
were perishing from thirst. At Echuca
on the 24th Dec., bees were destroyed by
the heat. Mr. Shackell found, on his
return from Melbourne, that the contents
of two of his largest and best beehives
had been totally destroyed by the melting
of the comb and honey into one mass,
by which the whole of the bees were
smothered.

Useful Hints.

—THE great curse of English agricul-
ture, says Mr. Mechi, of Tiptree Hall,
after want of drainage, is deficiency of
manure. My experience has taught me
that land can never be rich, even for
wheat and other cereals provided the
manure has been applied for a previous
crop. It is the sowing of too much seed
that causes crops to be prematurely laid
in well fertilized soils.

A correspondent for the *Rural World*
advises the application of lime—not coal
—to a brittle hoof, asserting that he
has frequently applied it to hard, dry and
cracked hoofs with good success. It ap-
pears to penetrate and soften the hoof,
give it a bright and clean look; also
closes the cracks. Would apply once or
twice a month.

There is one simple test as to whether
the manures about your stables and out-
houses are mixed and composted as they
should be to preserve the whole of their
fertilizing power. Do they emit a bad
smell? If your pens or stables give a
foul report to the nostrils, you are using
absorbents enough; shovel in the put or
rotten leaves, and sprinkle with plaster
till the dung heap is as inodorous as a
garden bed.

A writer in the *Ohio Farmer*, say that
after the horse is nine years old, a
wrinkle comes on the eye-lid, and every
year thereafter he has a well-defined
wrinkle for each over nine. If, for in-
stance, a horse has three wrinkles, he is
twelve, if four he is thirteen. Add the
number of wrinkles to nine, and you will
always get it. As a good many people
have horses over nine, it is easily tried.
If true, the horse dentist must give up his
trade.

There is said to be carried off from
the soil nine pounds of lime in twenty-five
bushels of oats, and fifteen pounds in thirty-
eight bushels of barley. There are
thirty-five pounds of lime in two tons of
rye grass, one hundred and twenty-six
pounds in two tons of clover, and one
hundred and forty pounds in twenty-five
tons of turnips, and two hundred and
a seventy pounds in nine tons of potatoes.
Some soils contain abundance of lime, for
a thousand years, while other soils require
an occasional application of lime as a fer-
tilizer.

The good people of Linlithgow, Scot-
land, were recently in high revolution be-
cause the Department of Woods and
Forests threatened to reduce the number
of swans on the lake. An ancient tradi-
tion states that those swans all disap-
peared on Cromwell's coming to the
throne, but returned immediately after
the restoration.

Plain Truths.

Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure scrofula
and old sores.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure tumors
and ulcers.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure cancerous
diseases.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure all skin
diseases.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure abscesses.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure bad blood
and humors.

A FRAGRANT COSMETIC.

To preserve the soft, clear color of the skin,
even to an advanced age, take of the genuine
MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER, one part,
of pure water three parts; mix, and bathe the
face, neck, and arms five or six times a day.
As there are counterfeits, buyers should
always ask for the Florida Water prepared by
the sole proprietors, Lanman & Kemp, New
York.

Auction Sales.

Lumley Franklin, AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION & REAL ESTATE AGENT

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS
taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street,
nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express
office. Having had eleven years' experience in the auc-
tion business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public
support.

AUCTION.

Mortgagees' Sale

Of a Superior Brick Residence on
Michigan street, James Bay, together
with the Furniture contained therein,
the large Garden attached comprising
over half an Acre of Land, &c.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN

Has been instructed by the Mortgagee
TO SELL

TO-MORROW

Thursday, 13th May,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M.,

On the premises, at the Residence of
Mr. A. C. Campbell, Michigan St.,
James Bay.

That well built Brick
Dwelling House and
Garden,

Comprising Lots numbered 1822 & 1823,
on Michigan street, James Bay.

THE HOUSE contains Parlors, Din-
ing Rooms, Capacious Bed Rooms,
Kitchen, Cellar, &c.,

STABLES, Outhouses, a good Well
of Water with Force Pump at-
tached.

COTTAGE PIANO, by Chapell, Lon-
don, 6½ octaves, quite new

—ALSO—

Six choice Engravings
THE FURNITURE consists of a fine
Rosewood Set (nearly new), includ-
ing Centre Table with marble top,
Arm Chairs, Whatnot, large Mir-
ror, Dining Extension Table, Ma-
hogany Chairs, Sofa, Dinner Ser-
vice, Mahogany Bedstead, Large
Wardrobe, Bureau, Washstand,
Chairs, Feather Beds and Pillows
Looking Glasses, Hat & Umbrella
Stands, Oilcloth, Crockery, Kitchen
Stove, Meat Safe, etc., which will
be sold in detail on the above day.

THE GARDEN, which is equal in
size to four ordinary Town Lots, is
thoroughly stocked with choice and
well matured bearing Fruit Trees.
The soil is of a superior quality,
and the property is situated in a
position commanding a fine view of
the City, is desirable in every way
as a homestead, adjacent to the
Town and in a healthy locality.

Acts of Sale at buyer's expense.

Further particulars can be had on
application to

LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer.

IN THE VICE ADMIRALTY COURT.

WILL BE SOLD BY

AUCTION

ON

Tuesday, 18th Inst.,

AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

By order of His Honor JOSEPH
NEEDHAM, the

Brig BYZANTIUM

250 Tons Barthen, A1 at Lloyd's, if
not previously disposed of.

Private applications for purchase
will be received by THE MARSHAL

at Victoria up to the day of Sale.
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SANDWICH ISLAND SUGAR, No. 1

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,
in Bond or Duty Paid.
Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERS
CHATHAM, Salesroom Fireproof Stone Build-
ing, Wharf Street near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

AUCTION

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL SELL

At Salesroom, Wharf St.,

TO-MORROW

Thursday, 13th May,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,

Condemned Stores.

For Account of the Naval Department
by order of Capt. Edye, Senior Officer,

9 Tierces Salt Beef, 300lbs each
5 Barrels do 200lbs each

The purchaser will have to pay 10
per cent. duty in addition to price.

Immediately after, for account of)
whom it may concern,

15 sks Carolina Rice, 100lbs each.

1 Hoghead, 92 Iron Kettles

2 Rolls China Matting

3 Cases London Stone Blue

8 " London Sauces

2 " Harvey do

12 " Best London Soap 56lb ea

12 Kegs Paints, assorted colors

10 do White Lead

40 Bxs London Soap 18lb ea

40 Bags China Rice

FEED!! FEED!!

20 Bags Maize (yellow corn)

10 do Biscuit Bread

About 50 do Wheat and Oats

—ALSO—

The Stock-in-Trade of a Retail Gro-
cery, Shelf Goods, &c., &c.

Flour, Soap, Salt, Sardines, Prunes,
Tobacco, Candles, Vinegar, Starch,
Sal Soda, Hams, Bacon, Counter-
Scales,

ALSO—2 Hogheads Tumblers and
Wine Glasses
1 Hoghead Decanters, pts. & qts.
20 Barrels Plaster Paris.

5 cs Sherry Wine, sample 50

2 csks Port Wine, do 10

1 Skiff, complete

Taylor's Homeopathic Chocolate

Taylor's 1 lb bottles Mustard

2 Baking Troughs and Peals, Baking

Dishes and 1 Bath

1 cs Lamp Chimneys

2 bags Clover Seed

2 csks Oregon Lard

—ALSO—

1 Shop Front, Glass Doors and Sashes
Heavy Canvas, Safe,
Sewing Twines, Dried Apples

J. P. DAVIES,
Auctioneer.

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F. S. BUSHELL,

Pianoforte Tuner & Regulator

JOHNSON STREET.

Victoria, B. C.

PALE HENNESSY BRANDY

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED

in Bond or Duty Paid.

Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

FINDLAY & DURHAM,

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VICTORIA HOTEL.

BURNSIDE ROAD.

M. ROWLANDS BEGS TO INFORM
his Friends and the Public that he has the best
accommodation for man and horse in this part of the
country. He keeps none but the

Choicest Wines, Liquors and Cigars.

WELL-AIRED BEDS.

A large quantity of Wheat, Oats, Peas, and other kind
of Produce, always on hand. Four Hundred Cords of
Firewood for sale.

Hay, Straw and the different descriptions of Pod-
dore.

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Dunville's Old Irish WHISKY

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED

in cases and quarter casks, in Bond or Duty paid.

Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.

FINDLAY & DURHAM,

ap20

THOS. RUSSELL

